



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : WATSON et al. Confirmation No: 8178
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Title : METHOD

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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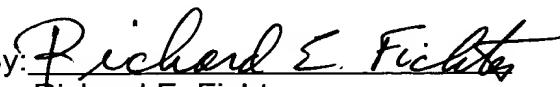
Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response to the outstanding official action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) for TWO (2) months to August 22, 2005.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) for a two month extension of time is \$450.00 and a check in this amount is submitted herewith. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension to Deposit Account No. 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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